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TITLE OF INVENTION: P450 OXYGENASES AND METHODS OF USE

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/565,233

Examiner

Yong D. Pak

Applicant(s)

CROTEAU ET AL.

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- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on December 7, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5,7-10,27,30-32,41,47,49 and 50.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Yong D Pak/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1652

DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed on December 7, 2007, cancelling claims 16 and 19-23 and amending claims 5, 7-9, 27, 41, and 49-53, has been entered. No new matter has been entered.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-10, 13-14, 24-25, 27, 29-32, 35-36, 38, 41, 43, 47, 49-53, 55-58, 60 and 63 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 13-14, 24-25, 29, 35-36, 38, 41, 43, 47, 49-53, 55-58, 60 and 63 are withdrawn. Claims 5, 7-10, 27 and 30-32 are under consideration.

In a telephone conversation with Ms. DeGrandis on February 25, 2008, an agreement was reached to amend claims 7 and 41 and cancel claims 1, 3, 13-14, 24-25, 29, 35-36, 38, 43, 51-53, 55-58, 60 and 63 to place the application for allowance.

Response to Arguments/Amendments

Applicant's amendment and arguments filed on December 7, 2007, have been fully considered and in conjunction with the Examiner's amendment are deemed to be persuasive to overcome the rejections/objections previously applied, as detailed below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 2nd paragraph

In view of the amendment of claim 7 and the cancellation of claim 16, the rejection of claims 7 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite

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for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention has been **withdrawn**.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 1st paragraph

In view of the amendment/cancellation of claims 5, 7-9, 16, 19-21, 27 and 31, the rejection of claims 5, 7-10, 16, 19-21, 27 and 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement, has been **withdrawn**.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 5, 7-10, 16, 19-21, 27 and 30-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Croteau et al. (WO 01/34780).

In view of the fact that (A) Croteau et al. do not teach a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:2 and having taxoid oxygenase activity, and (B) Claims 5, 7-10, 16, 19-21, 27 and 30-32, as amended, is now drawn to a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:2 and having taxoid oxygenase activity, the rejection has been **withdrawn**.

Claims 5, 7-10, 16, 19-21, 27 and 30-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Croteau et al. (US Patent No. 6,787,343 & US Patent No. 7,005,283).

In view of the fact that (A) Croteau et al. do not teach a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:2 and having taxoid oxygenase activity, and (B) Claims 5, 7-10, 16, 19-21, 27 and 30-32, as amended, is now drawn to a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:2 and having taxoid oxygenase activity, the rejection has been **withdrawn**.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Quertermous on February 25, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace claims 7 and 41 with the following claims.

A) --7. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 5 comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1. --

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- B) --41. A method of hydroxylating a substrate, comprising:
- contacting a cell comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 5 with a substrate; and allowing the oxygenase encoded by the isolated nucleic acid molecule to hydroxylate the substrate, wherein said substrate is a taxoid.--
- C) Cancel claims 1, 3, 13-14, 24-25, 29, 35-36, 38, 43, 51-53, 55-58, 60 and 63.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 7-10, 27, 30-32, 41, 47 and 49-50 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an Examiner's statement for allowance. The Examiner has found no teaching or suggestion in the prior art directed to a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 and having taxoid oxygenase activity. Therefore, claims 5, 7-10, 27, 30-32, 41, 47 and 49-50 are allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nashaat Nashed can be reached on 571-272-0934. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Yong D Pak/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1652